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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned's knowledge at the time of this paper's filing. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed March 9, 2005, October 29, 2002, and March 18, 2002.

Copies of the listed foreign patent and non-patent literature documents are attached. Those documents include a copy of a Japanese Official Action issued in a counterpart application and an English translation thereof.

Regarding JP 9-56467, Applicant submits herewith an English abstract and a partial English translation of that non-English language document. (Applicant notes that the partial translation does not reflect the entire disclosure of the Japanese document, and it is not intended to provide any indication of whether the partial translation is more or less material than

the untranslated text.) Also, JP 9-56467 is discussed in the Japanese Official Action mentioned above.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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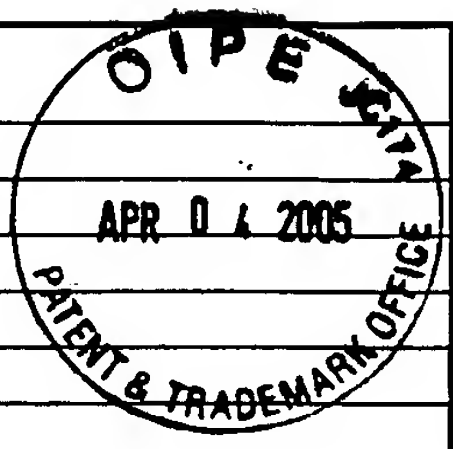
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